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145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass. December 8, 1912.

Mr. Lewis B. Woodruff.
Treasurer of the Lincoln Society of New York.

My dear Mr. Woodruff:-

I am exceedingly sorry to be unable to accept the invitation of the Lincoln Society, tendered through you, to attend its Annual Dinner on the 17th, at which Mr. Chapman is to be the guest of honor.

Please convey my thanks to the Society for so kindly giving me an opportunity to take part in what is sure to be a delightful and memorable occasion and say to Mr. Chapman that no one can possibly

appreciate more strongly than I
do the splendid, and in many respects
unique, service that he has performed,
and is continuing increasingly to perform,
in popularising the study of birds.

Yours sincerely

William Brewster